

Minutes--May 14 and 15, 1997
Sakakawea Room
State Capitol, Bismarck

The Education Standards and Practices Board meeting was called to order by chair, Maryjane Martens. Board members present for both days were Dr. Mary Harris, Dr. Doug Johnson, Linda Davis, Randy Gordon, Marilyn Ridenhower, Executive Director, Deb Jensen, Intern and Dr. Gary Gronberg, Ex-officio Board member. Bev Sandness was present for the second day of the board meeting.

Board members absent were Sue Andrews, Don Haugen and Mike Schatz.

Visitors present were Helen Busche and Faye Reimers from NDEA, Doug Bahr, Attorney General's Office, Greg Gallagher and Marshall Melby from Dickinson State College.

Maryjane asked the board members for their cooperation notifying the board office when board members do not plan on attending board meetings.

A motion was made by Randy to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

Marilyn reported on the financial statement. Marilyn stated that there will be a carryover of at least \$125,000 to start our own checking accounting. This does not include the \$90,000 which was/or should have been provided by the legislature/DPI. To make sure that all checks have cleared, DPI's accounting unit will release ESPB \$\$\$ after July 18. Motion made by Doug to approve the financial report. Seconded by Randy. Motion carried.

Congratulations were given to Deb Jensen on completion of her master's degree. Motion made by Doug to hire Deb for the assistant director position, effective starting date May 14, 1997. Seconded by Randy. Motion carried.

Deb Jensen reported on the NCATE conference that she and Bonnie Thompson attended in Florida, May 6-9. Seventeen boards and three more boards are in the process of forming an autonomous, national board. Does ESPB want to write a letter of support? Is this a good idea to form? Would board support such an agency and how much \$\$\$?. The board is in favor of an autonomous board but not sure of the \$\$\$ we would want to attach. Motion made by Mary to endorse formation of a national group for an autonomous standards organization. Seconded by Doug. Motion carried. Could attachment be done to an existing organization such as NCATE, but not to invest \$\$\$ for starting of other boards?

Thru Doug Bahr's presentation it was decided to workup administrative rules/regulations for fingerprinting, counselor certification and open records. Board members who volunteered on the committee were Mary, Doug, Linda, Marilyn and Deb. The committee will meet on May 2 at Simile Jr. High. The committee would bring the recommendations to the June meeting. Motion made by Doug and seconded by Linda. Motion carried. It was also suggested that at the board retreat the board work on a mission statement and long range planning.

Maryjane lead the discussion regarding the DPI/ESPB agreement. ESPB contacted OMB in writing asking for consideration to be located on the 9th floor of the Capitol. DPI also wrote a letter of support to OMB. Since the board had not heard from OMB, Doug and Maryjane visited the OMB office. OMB gave the board a verbal OK for ESPB to be located on the 9th floor of the Capitol.

Mary made the recommendation that ESPB have a meeting with the various DPI units that deal with credentialing about ESPB policy on viewing records such as transcripts, etc

Cases:

Jody Abernathy asked for reconsideration on the her overall GPA. ESPB calculated 2.41 and Dickinson calculated 2.57. Dickinson State has the policy to forgive some of program requirements. Motion made by Mary that Jody be certified on the basis of the GPA presented by Dickinson State. Seconded by Linda. Tabled. Doug made motion to go into executive session to discuss possible ramifications. Seconded by Linda. The Program Approval Committee needs to clarify the rule on the forgiveness policy, update policy to develop legislation, make recommendation, etc. Motion carried.

John Thiness (State Pen). Motion made by Doug to remove teaching certificate. Seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

Paul Costanzo vs. Minot Public Schools (breach of contract). Motion made by Bev to suspend the teaching certificate for 1 year. Seconded by Linda. Motion carried. Doug Bahr will check the law for effective dates, etc.


Cody Miller. Motion made by Mary to suspend certificate the number of months that she had been in the classroom without a valid certificate. Seconded by Bev. Motion carried.

Karen Fox vs. Mandaree Public Schools (breach of contract). Doug made a motion to suspend teaching certificate for 1 year. Seconded by Randy. Motion carried.

Hans Halvorson (violation code of ethics). Motion made by Doug to suspend certificate for six months with possibility of reinstatement upon completion of two professional evaluations (psych/chemical). Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Buffy Plath Accepted our contract. Motion made by Mary to have an administrative board decision on the superintendents who do not comply with the law. Administrative board. Dr. Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Dr. Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness. The administrative board discussed various penalty options. The board will notify superintendent of the possibility of his/her certificate being revoked. Notification will also be sent to the business manager and the state's attorney. Seconded by Doug. Motion carried.

Clem Bechler Administrative Hearing: Dr. Doug Johnson, Dr. Mary Harris, Bev Sandness, Maryjane Martens and Linda Davis. Mary Harris made motion made proceed to revoke teaching certificate. Seconded by Doug. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.


Chair


Executive Director